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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Natural Resources Management Gateway Initiative - Environmental Stewardship Content Development Workshop and Content Subject Matter Expert Appointments

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, CECW-ON, 20 September 2000, subject: Natural Resources Management (NRM) Website Development Initiative. This initiative has been renamed the NRM Gateway Initiative and the website was launched in April 2001 at this address: http://CorpsLakes.usace.army.mil/.
- b. Memorandum, CECW-ON, 20 September 2000, subject: Natural Resources Management Gateway Initiative Content Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).
- c. Memorandum, CECW-ON, 3 July 2003, subject: Natural Resources Gateway Initiative Environmental Stewardship Content Development Workshop and Content Subject Matter Experts Appointments.
- 2. The development and deployment of the various components of the NRM Gateway continue to be phased-in over time and will be facilitated with a series of content development workshops described in the above reference. Three Environmental Stewardship Content Development Workshops have been conducted to develop the initial framework for the Environment Stewardship program, watershed management, and the avian topic areas. These workshops allowed SMEs to develop the framework and content for high priority environmental stewardship topic areas. Please view content developed at this address: http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/envsteward/envsteward.html
- 3. The fourth Environmental Stewardship Content Development Workshop will be conducted in Washington, DC, 17–19 August 2005. This workshop is for SMEs to develop content concerning invasive species and special status species, which are considered high priority topic areas. Invitees are listed below:

Special Status Species
Gary Earls, CESWD-PDL
Damon Blakely, CEMVK-OD-MG
Kat Beal, CENWP-OP-V

Invasive Species
Michael Saucier, CEMVN-OD-T
Floyd Boyett, CESWF-OD-TB
Jon Lane, CESAJ-OP
Al Cofrancesco, ERDC-EL-MS

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- 4. These selections have been made contingent upon final approval of the nominee's supervisor. The responsibilities of the SMEs and estimated time and resources required to fulfill these responsibilities are posted on the Gateway at the link entitled "SME Protocol" at http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/gateway/sme.html. All costs for SME involvement will remain the responsibility of the local duty station.
- 5. The above appointments are for SMEs of environmental stewardship, are field experts selected to attend the upcoming workshop, and are not inclusive of additional nominations for SMEs received and still under consideration.
- 6. CECW-CO point of contact for this initiative is Ms. Denise Y. White. The NRM Gateway Project Leader is Kathleen Perales, (601) 634-3779. The NRM Gateway Environmental Stewardship Technical Coordinator is Angie Huebner, (863) 983-8101.

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